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Applicant:

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Title:

BIOADHESIVE NANOPARTICULATE COMPOSITIONS

HAVING CATIONIC SURFACE STABILIZERS

Application

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action requiring restriction of the claims, mailed on June 24, 2003.

REMARKS

I. Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted the claims of the application into three groups as follows:

- 1. Group 1, claims 14-76 and 93-100, drawn to a stable bioadhesive composition;
- 2. Group II, claims 77-90, drawn to a method of preparing a stable bioadhesive composition; and
- 3. Group III, claims 91 and 92, drawn to a method of preparing aqueous dispersions of bioadhesive compositions.